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Past President Verl G. Dixon

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Executives Pose Before SUP Life Membership Plaque



The President's Message

By Orson D. Wright

SUP Goals For 1973

EACH YEAR SUP ought to be better than the year preceding. Each succeeding year builds upon firm foundations that have been laid before. We join with you in the expectation of the many challenges with which we will be faced and solved and the accomplishments that will result from our united efforts.

An anonymous writer has said: "On the plains of hesitation lie the bones of millions who, at the dawn of victory, sat down to rest—and resting, died!" As an organization we are on the verge of some great achievements and this is no time to desist while we look over our past accomplishments.

Let us discover the genius of this organization. Let us accept the challenge to pioneer today. Let our motto this year be: **PIONEERING TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE.** Our sons and grandsons may look upon us as pioneers in our own right. Our major challenges this year, as I see them are:

1—MEMBERSHIP: There is an urgent need to build our membership. With the choice organization we have, the chapters and the national organization ought to be growing. With stimulating internal chapter programs, with projects designed to provide a service to our communities and with personal pride in our society, our membership cannot help but grow substantially.

2—EXTERNAL CHAPTER PROGRAMS: Each chapter is directed to show at least one significant and meaningful community project this year. While we are doing something for the community, we are doing quite as much for ourselves; growth through service, as it were.

INTERNAL CHAPTER PROGRAMS: In order to effectively build chapter membership, create a chapter unity, chapter activities must (1) be well-planned, effective and attractive, particularly in the line of programs and dinners. (2) Progressive, active internal projects geared at loyal participation will be helpful. (3) Intensive effort directed at organizing new chapters. (5) Enlist life members. (6) Write the chapter history and (7) Go on some treks.

Only by earnestly working together on these and other programs, can we attain a full measure of success in SUP. Thanks and all good things to everybody!

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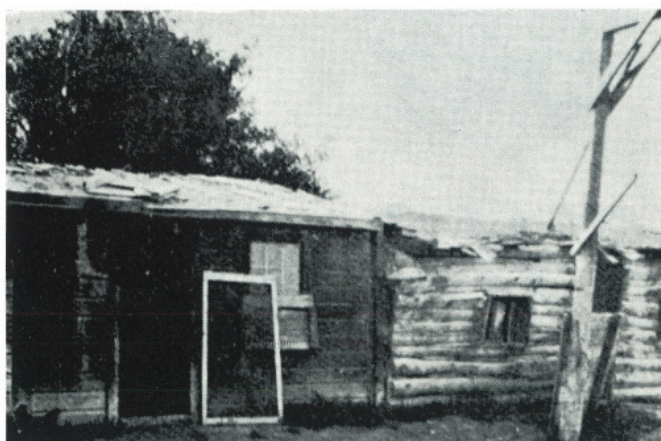
She died inside

That day

The way

You hurt her!

—LES GO SCRAPBOOK



RUSH VALLEY STATION of the Pony Express, was kept by J. H. Faust, described by Historian Charles Kelley as "A civil and communicative man who added a knowledge of books and drugs to local history." Faust later became a doctor. The station was 20 miles west of Camp Floyd. —Art Courtesy Utah Historical Society

PIONEER PERSONALITIES

PRES. LORENZO SNOW'S incumbency as the Mormon prophet and president, (1881-1901) was characterized by the recovery of the Church from its financial bondage. During those troublesome years in which the Territory of Deseret was plagued with the polygamy hassle and the fight for statehood, the Church had become overwhelmingly indebted.

Pres. Snow exerted himself to the utmost to redeem the money pledges of the members. He visited personally many of the stakes of Zion. He pleaded for a stricter payment of tithing. He promised great and marvelous blessings to the people if they would obey his admonitions.

He lived to see a marked improvement in the prosperity of the people and of the Church. Pres. Snow was a refined and polished gentleman, of scholarly habits of thought and a strong personality. He died rather suddenly in the Beehive House in Salt Lake City, Oct. 10, 1901.

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WILLIAM CLAYTON was born in Lancashire, England, in 1814. Like thousands of other Mormon converts, he migrated to Nauvoo, Illinois, in 1840. While there he served as a secretary to the Prophet Joseph Smith.

He was a member of the first party of Mormons to reach the Valley of the Great Salt Lake in 1847, and was historian of that noted company. He kept infinite track of the countryside, its description and its topography. His observances were written into a guide, which proved indispensable to the early pioneers as they migrated west. It was called *Latter-day Saint's Emigrant's Guide from Council Bluffs to the Valley of the Great Salt Lake*.

William Clayton is also known as the writer of the most popular Mormon hymn, "Come, Come, Ye Saints." His journal noted that he wrote the song while on the journey from Nauvoo, Illinois, to Winter Quarters, located in what is now Florence, a part of Omaha. When the news reached him of the birth of his son in Nauvoo, he put down his joy in the words of this song originally called, "All Is Well! All is Well!"

This hymn was sung by every pioneer camp along the Mormon Trail, catching the spirit and the sentiment of an oppressed people.



They Deserve Support

ONCE AGAIN, WE Sons of the Utah Pioneers have chosen a new corps of officers and a tremendous group of devoted men they are, indeed! Capable and devoted for sure but, they aren't going to accomplish much without the enthusiastic support of our chapters and our SUP members everywhere.

Our new president Dr. Orson D. Wright, former vice-president and seminar revisor and director, is generously endowed with the qualities of leadership—a winning personality, sharp judgment, initiative, determination and enthusiasm. He is sure to make friends for SUP everywhere he goes. It is hoped many chapters will avail themselves of the opportunity to have Pres. Wright as guest speaker at their dinner-programs.

This year we install a new president-elect, first time this has been done. When election time comes around next year we do not have to ballot for another president. We already know who he is—Thomas Allan Lambert, formerly vice-president and member of the National Board. Tom is a kindly, lovable and inspiring leader who will now have a year's pre-term experience under Pres. Wright.

It will be tough on them both to follow after Verl G. Dixon, our retiring chieftain. He was superb—yea, verily!

Sons of the Utah Pioneers are well into the second century of its gloriously rich tradition. Back of us is a century of spectacular progress and astounding developments in all its fields of endeavor. These things were made possible by the toil and sacrifice of those who blazed the trail ahead.

We are the proud inheritors of all that stands to the credit of our pioneer forbears. A grateful people have fittingly commemorated in bronze and granite their valiant deeds.

Now there still remains for us to give the crowning proof of approval and gratitude by emulating in our lives and in our devotions the virtues that made the Mormon pioneers so great.

Loyalty to the pioneer traditions and to those who we choose to lead us, is the most eloquent expression of this devotion and this gratitude.



DINNER OUT OF A CAN does not need to be dull, says cooking instructor. Even if the can opener is, eh, teacher!



THE POOR POET

If could sell this corny verse
I wouldn't have an empty purse!



INCREASED MEANS and increased leisure are the two civilizers of man. It is perhaps the greatest achievement of our country that we have made comfort and leisure available to more of the population than any people have done in the history of the world. —Disraeli.

The Right To Privacy

AN ALL-SEEING, all-knowing computer which will reveal the exact truth about anyone who submits to its relentless exploration may be forthcoming soon, ventures a leading science publication.

Perhaps you know some people you would like to see investigated by such a machine. How about yourself? Would you like to pioneer in the project?

Disclosure of one's personal and private affairs could be very bad. Mankind can never reach a higher level if the invasion of privacy is made the occasion for demeaning and humiliating those who want to live down their mistakes. And this higher level can never be attained until we lose a lot of the hypocrisy that persuades us to snoop into the private lives of others.

Remember the story about Jesus and the woman who was caught in adultery? Some very respectable people brought the woman to the Master to see how he would deal with a violation of the law for which death by stoning was the penalty. The Lord was so appalled by the attitude of the mob and so ashamed of them that he did not speak for the moment, then bent over and wrote in the sand.

Then arising, he said, "Let him that is without sin among you cast the first stone." And the crowd quickly skulked away. "Doth no man condemn thee?" he asked the woman. "No man, Lord." "Neither do I condemn thee," said Jesus, "go thy way and sin no more."

The right of privacy is the right to seek one's own redemption, lest through exposure the evil in others binds him forever to the shackles of his own mistakes.

That man is essentially a moral and spiritual being, that his soul is sacred and precious in the sight of the Lord, that his rights and duties are his own and that he is indeed a child of God—these are reasons why his right to privacy must not be invaded by man or machine.



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—Adv. in the *Frederic (N.B.) Gleaner*.

Man knows his mind, anyway.



INDIAN LEGEND: Indian Chief Big Bull had 10 wives and the government agent had just found out about it. "Bull," he said firmly, "you must obey the laws. Now you go straight and tell all those wives but one, that they must get out!" The chief reflected a bit. "You go tell um," he mused sadly.



QUOTE AND UNQUOTE: "The chief cause of increased tension is the over-indulgence in caffeine and nicotine. If people would live common-sense lives, doctors would have more time to devote to cancer and other major diseases." —Dr. Arnold S. Jackson, noted surgeon

New SUP Executives: Wright And Lambert

'Expansion' Top Topic at Provo Encampment

By Les Goates

"Extension" was the key word in some sessions of the SUP encampment at Provo, Aug. 25 and 26 and in other meetings the good word was "expansion." Expansion or extension, the principal idea was to inspire the delegates to organize new chapters in their various regions and increase the memberships in the chapters they now serve.

The conclave, held at the beautiful Eldred Center, under the aegis of the George Albert Smith and Brigham Young Chapters, was superbly arranged and conducted, and must be recorded on the history book as one of the more progressive conventions in the 37 years of the event. J. Rulon Morgan, judge advocate and former national president was encampment chairman.

For the first time the delegates elected a president-elect who will routinely take over the presidency next year as a new president-elect is chosen. Dr. Orson Wright, national vice-president, was elected president, succeeding Mayor Verl G. Dixon of Provo and Thomas A. Lambert, also a vice-president was elected president-elect. Dr. Wright, a Salt Lake dentist and director of the Dental Health Division, Utah State Board of Health, is a member of the Salt Lake City Pioneer Chapter. Mr. Lambert is a director with the East Mill Creek Chapter.

New V.P.'s Named

New vice-presidents for the various districts were elected as follows:

Earl A. Hansen, Logan, northern district; Harold B. Felt, Box Elder District; Jess Layton, Huntsville, Weber District; Douglas A. Smith, Salt Lake City and Adolph Johnson, Riverton, Salt Lake area; Veron C. Curtis, Lehi, Central District and Lorin C. Miles, Cedar City, southern Utah district.

James Miller, Brigham City, was elected a member of the important Life Membership Committee.

Mayor Dixon will continue as a member of the board of directors and George C. Lloyd as executive secretary.

Everett C. Call, chairman of the Awards Committee gave out the fol-



SUP National Board Members at Encampment: Dr. Orson D. Wright, seated second from right, new president; Thomas A. Lambert, seated second from left, president-elect; James H. Miller, Life Membership Committee; Adolph Johnson, vice-president. Standing—Jesse G. Layton, Douglas A. Smith, Earl A. Hansen, Veron Curtis and Harold G. Felt, vice-presidents.



J. Rulon Morgan, former SUP president and judge advocate, new Chairman Life Membership Committee, encampment speaker.

lowing awards at the Presidents Banquet Saturday evening:

Outstanding Chapter: Temple Fork, Logan.

Outstanding Individual Member: Dr. Francis W. Kirkham, Salt Lake City. (Since deceased)

Outstanding Couple: Mayor Edwin J. (Jake) and Mrs. Hazel Garn of Salt Lake City.

For the award-winning pioneer stories of the year; First place—Harvey R. Allred for "Pioneer Memories" (see ENCAMPMENT, next page)

Encampment At Provo Proves Most Rewarding

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of Star Valley"; second place—Rhoda Matheson for "The Dairying Colony Of Cedar Canyon;" third—Harold H. Jenson for "Grandma Fights Rattlesnakes." These stories will be published in future editions of *The Pioneer*.

Sumptuous Repast

The encampment program got off to a gala beginning with the much-heralded barbeque dinner at Old Utah Fort at which David Nelson cooked up a robust pioneer-style repast for more than 400 delighted guests.

Following the dinner the ensemble assembled in the Eldred Center recreation hall for a concert, "An Evening on Broadway" presented by Colleen Winegar, mezzo-soprano and Pauline Hill, pianist. This highly artistic presentation was arranged by Mrs. Josephine Bird, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Saturday's eventful proceedings made up a tight schedule both for delegates and visitors. At 8:30 a.m. the executive board held its business meeting under the direction of Pres. Dixon. He also reported highlights of his year as SUP chieftain. Treasurer Lorenzo Summerhies made his report as did Ronald Kingsbury, auditor for Pioneer Village and the Corinne Railroad Museum. Horace Sorensen, founder and curator of Pioneer Village gave the feature address and Milton Backman, committee chairman, reported on the activities and finances of Pioneer Village.

Californians Report

Vern E. Muir made his report for the Life Membership Committee and Col. Marvin E. Smith for the Mormon Battalion. Nance Voight and Max Follett reported on progress of the Mormon Trail project in California. Elections were conducted under the direction of E. Morton Hill, former SUP president.

While the business meeting was going on, the women guests were entertained by Jayann Morgan Payne, formerly Mrs. Utah and runner-up for the honors as Mrs. America. She gave a dramatic presentation of the life and writings of Eliza R. Snow,



Horace A. Sorensen, speaker at President's Banquet



Awards Chairman Everett Call presents Outstanding Chapter trophy to Wesley Reese for Temple Fork Chapter.



The Military Ball at Eldred Center, Closing Event

one of the most renowned of Mormon pioneer women. Also Saturday afternoon were conducted tours by bus to interesting places in Utah County, particularly Provo and Brigham Young University.

Top event Saturday afternoon was held another of Dr. Wright's informative and enlightening seminars for chapter officers and board members. Responses to assigned topics were (see ENCAMPMENT, next page)



Mayor and Mrs. Garn At SUP Convention
... Acclaimed "Outstanding Couple Of Year"



Harold and Martha Jensen
... two VIP's Go Dancing

Encampment Most Successful

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made by: Wesley Reese, Temple Fork; Ted Cox, Cedar City; Frank Maugham, Ogden, Pioneer; Ronald Dennis, George A. Smith; Reese Jensen, Salt Lake Pioneer; Bill Forrest, Box Elder; Kenneth Rasmussen, Temple Quarry; Arthur W. Wiscomb, East Mill Creek, Heber Taylor, Salt Lake and Joseph McDonald, Holladay.

The Saturday evening President's Banquet was unique in that it went off without any formal speeches. J. Rulon Morgan, as MC moved the program along with neatness and dispatch Horace A. Sorensen gave a brief resume of the Pioneer Village Story; George Everton reported the Life Membership roll, since the late T. Mack Woolley took out membership No. 100, has added the following: Elwood Barker, Walter Uhl, Douglas Smith, Richard W. Moyle,

Thomas A. Lambert, Orson Wright, Earl Gordon, Victor J. Bird, Heber Taylor and George C. Lloyd.

Music was provided by Ruth Weller Melville, widely-acclaimed Utah Valley Opera Company soprano.

Mr. Morgan paid impressive tribute to the 35 SUP members who had died since the last convention.

The Mormon Battalion performed the flag raising and lowering rites.

The climactic event was the grand military ball at Eldred Center with Gene Duffin, leading the grand march and calling the dance turns.

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More Honors For Horace Sorensen

Horace A. Sorensen, former SUP national president, founder and curator of Pioneer Village, president of Pony Express and the Southeast Furniture Co., was awarded a silver bowl by the Zenith Television Corp. at an award dinner held in Salt Lake City, Aug. 23.

Jack Anger, regional manager of Zenith, in presenting the award said: "This is in recognition of 25 years of leadership in pioneering and merchandizing of Zenith products in the Intermountain West."

In attendance at the award meeting were Zenith dealers from throughout the Intermountain West.

All Encampment
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Along The Mormon Battalion Trail

1972-73 Officers Installed At Annual 'MB' Convention

By Col. Marvin E. Smith

U.S. Mormon Battalion Day's annual convention and banquet was held Sept. 30 in Salt Lake City with Col. Fred M. Reese, national commander in charge. Officers were presented and unanimously sustained. Amendments to the constitution and by-laws were approved so that the organization could better function in coordinating activities "Along the Battalion Trail" which spans many states.

Assisting Col. Reese are the following officers: Elmer J. Carr, treasurer; S. Richard Keddington, auditor; chaplain, Virgil H. Peterson; public relations, Oliver R. Smith; Coordinator of Ladies Auxiliary, Mary Goodman, and Marvin E. Smith, SUP representative.

Special area coordinators for the eight districts of western United States are: James Z. Davis, Otto Duke, Marvin Follett, Paul Lofke, Mance H. Vaught, George B. Everton, Verl G. Dixon, and Wendell D. Leavitt. Folkman D. Brown is director of Mormon relations with the Boy Scouts of America and serves on the Battalion staff as coordinator for Explorer participation.

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OTHER OFFICERS

Lt. Col. Elmer S. Jones was presented and sustained at the annual business meeting as commanding officer of the Utah Division. He in turn presented staff members as follows: Vergil Webb, historian; Vaughn Wimmer, mess officer; Dean

Andrus, photographer; Charles E. Pomeroy as Sgt. Maj. in charge of parades and public performances.

Elmer Jones had the following officers installed: Co. A, Sheldon Brewster as commanding officer with Eugene B. Duffin, Rudy Christensen, assistants and Capt. Quentin R. Thomas as C.O. for Co. D with Lorenzo Hansen and Albert D. Earl as assistants. Capt. Veron Curtis of Lehi was installed as top officer for Co. E.

The Utah Ladies Auxiliary is now headed by Mildred Christensen with Irene Smith and Aleen Curtis as assistants and Edna Brewster as enrollment officer.

Special banquet guests included Dr. Orson D. Wright, newly-installed national president of SUP; and Mrs. Wright; Kate B. Carter, president of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers; Sculptor Ed. Fraughton, Mayor Verl G. Dixon of Provo and Marv Goodman who directed the DUP chorus of the Central Company.

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DELIGHTFUL MEETING

Prior to the 16th Anniversary MB Day we thorough relished the tremendous SUP Encampment at Provo where J. Rulon Morgan, Victor Bird and other associates provided a superb two days of delightful and meaningful activity.

How fitting for Pres. Verl G. Dixon to wind up his SUP term by having the society in his home town to enjoy Provo's culture and friendliness.



Pres. & Mrs. Orson D. Wright are welcomed to Mormon Battalion

Our respect and support goes to Dr. Orson Wright, newly installed as national president. A dentist by profession, Pres. Wright has been active in the Pioneer chapter for several years, and has also served on the national board.

Those three valiant men who came to the encampment from long distances: Grant Ursenbach of Fair Oaks, Calif.; Mance H. Vaught from Placerville, Calif. with his slide lectures on the Battalion Trail through northern California and Nevada and Marvin W. Follett from Douglas, Ariz. Accompanied by their wives, they were friendly examples of loyalty and devotion to their pioneer heritage.

Seeing three SUP national presidents at the recent MB Day Banquet: Dr. Wright, Mayor Verl G. Dixon, and Lorenzo B. Summerhays.

The fine "letter to the editor" written by Paul L. Pehrson (recently returned president of the Denmark Mission) about the many accomplishments of Horace A. Sorensen.

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BATTALION NOTES

We will miss stalwarts like the late Dr. Francis W. Kirkham and Steven G. Rawlings who were active in both SUP and USMB.

Friends will be glad to hear that Roy and Verda Chipman are recovering at home—Verda from cataract surgery, and Roy from broken ribs in an auto accident.

Hal and Martha Jensen have returned from a stay with folks in Seattle.

Battalion dues have been set at \$3. per year by popular vote at the annual business meeting. Approval was also given to inaugurate life memberships.

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THE HISTORIC SMITH FAMILY REUNION

Nauvoo Gathering Advances Peace And Good Will

By Jaynann Morgan Payne

It was worth it! The Smith Family Reunion in Nauvoo on August 18 and 19, 1972, was a happy, warm and loving encounter with 280 members of one of the greatest families on earth. We discovered that eight Paynes (six of them children) traveling in a camper that holds four, proved a fiery crucible of tested love and patience. With both the temperature and the humidity in the high 90's we indeed felt like we were sufficiently "steam pressed" each day we were in the Midwest.

On our way to Nauvoo, we stopped at places of interest such as the Royal Gorge in Colorado; Dodge City, Kansas; Independence, Liberty, and St. Louis, Mo.; and then took in Springfield and Lincoln's New Salem, before arriving in Nauvoo for the Reunion on the 17th of August.

One thing that really impressed us upon our arrival in Nauvoo was the comparison of New Salem with Nauvoo. We realized that they were contemporary communities and the difference was vast and very noticeable. New Salem was a little clearing in the woods by the bank of the

Sangamon River, set with rather crude log homes, a carding mill, various small stores, along with the outbuildings, but it was primitive, hand-hewn and uncultured. Whereas Nauvoo, which was built in two years from a swampy marsh in a bend in the Mississippi, and begun in 1838, just six years after New Salem, was its contemporary, but the contrast was amazing.

"Nauvoo, The Beautiful"

Nauvoo became the largest city in Illinois with 20,000 population and magnificent homes of brick, yet it was still on the western frontier. The Heber C. Kimball home is typical with beautiful woodwork, carpeting, and elegant furnishings. The well-planned outbuildings, gardens, and large streets, along with the Nauvoo Temple were most inspiring. Skilled artisans had created a city in Nauvoo that was one of the most beautiful and cultured cities in America for 1840. The streets were wide, the plots laid out in precise order with a cultured beauty evident everywhere. The magnificent Nauvoo Temple rose in splendor on the hill overlooking the river, the stores and public businesses were well designed and

even plans for a university had been laid.

Nauvoo shone with culture, industry, and inspiration and the whole history of its rise, decline and fall spanned less than 10 short years.

We arrived in Nauvoo the evening of August 17 and found a beautiful spot down on the banks of the Mississippi to camp. In fact, we chose the very spot at the end of the Nauvoo street where the Saints had crossed on the ice that bitter February of 1846, fleeing the mobs. After dinner in our camper we watched the huge seeing eye searchlights of the riverboats criss-cross the river and the poignant and melancholy horns of the boats call to each other through the night. We were spotlighted upon several occasions during the night and it was a bit eerie but we relived the experiences and felt at home with Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn.

The next morning after a hot sleep we registered for the reunion and went to our first session, held in the LDS Chapel with its glorious air conditioning. The welcoming speeches were given by descendants of Joseph, Hyrum, and Samuel Smith, who had been the official committee to instigate the reunion.

First was Willard Richards Smith, brother of President Joseph Fielding Smith. He had such a beautiful loving spirit which was touching to all. Then Lynn Smith spoke for and represented President Wallace Smith of the Reorganized LDS Church, who had been detained in Independence. Lynn Smith is the patriarch of Western Missouri and a grandson of David Hyrum Smith, the last child of Joseph and Emma, who was born in November, 1844, nearly five months after his father's martyrdom.

Lynn Smith said that his grandfather David Hyrum had come to Utah and spent time with the Saints in Salt Lake City, and that they (the RLDS) had been to visit the Utah Saints but that few of the Utah family of the Smiths had ever been back to Independence or Nauvoo. He felt the reunion was an excellent idea and concluded his remarks with this statement: "WHAT KEPT YOU SO LONG?"

(see SMITH FAMILY, next page)



Dramatic narrative of the life of Eliza R. Snow by Jayann Morgan Payne who wrote the script and history, a feature presentation of the Provo SUP convention. On the picture: Dorothy Metten who portrayed Eliza R, left; Mrs. Payne and Julie Metten at the piano.

*An Impressive Sons of Pioneers Project***Little Salt Lake Chapter Erects Monument to John Fremont**

PAROWAN, Utah—Members of the Little Salt Lake Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, recently erected a monument in memory of John C. Fremont, renowned scout and explorer. The monument is located on the corner of First South and Main Sts. in Parowan.

The dedication took place on the morning of Sept. 2 in collaboration with the Iron County Fair. Amos C. Hatch, an active member of the local SUP chapter, was in charge of the observance and was master of ceremonies.

Allen Francis Miller, a great grandson of Mrs. John C. L. Smith, gave the dedicatory prayer, after which the congregation moved across the street to the Third Ward Chapel for a short but impressive program.

Mrs. Jean Hendrickson gave an excellent report on the life of John C. Fremont with his many activities and experiences as a scout and explorer in western America. She emphasized how the explorer's adventures and discoveries came to influence life in this part of the country.

Mayor Verl G. Dixon, immediate past-president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, represented the national society. He drew attention to the many places of interest and beauty in the Parowan area and the wonderful pioneer heritage of the members of the community. Mayor Dixon and family were house guests of Mayor and Mrs. Kendall C. Gurr at his mountain cabin near the Brian Head ski area. Lorin C. Miles, member of the national board, SUP, was another VIP in attendance.



The SUP John C. Fremont Memorial

Members of the Little Salt Lake Chapter are active in preserving the pioneer history on this region, restoring old landmarks and in other ways preserving the Mormon pioneer heritage.

—Clifton P. Halterman
secretary & treasurer.

Smith Family Reunion Advances Understanding

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Although the Reorganized members of the family had supported the reunion idea, its impetus and overtures came from the LDS side, from Joseph Byron Smith, grandson of Samuel, and Byron's friend Buddy Youngreen, and Willard Smith, grandson of Hyrum.

Joseph Byron's Dream

A family reunion of the descendants of Lucy Mack Smith and Joseph Smith, Sr. had long been the dream of Joseph Byron Smith, the grandson of Samuel who was converted from the RLDS Church to the LDS Church and lives here in Provo. For he had found a statement written by his grandmother Mary Bailey Smith, wife of Samuel, as she wrote the patriarchal blessing given by Joseph Smith Sr. to his son Samuel. The statement said that if the

posterity of Joseph Jr. should ever go astray or be lost, that it would be the posterity of Samuel who would be the means of returning them to the fold, and it would be in the third generation, and the man's name would be Joseph and his wife's name would be Emma. Joseph Byron Smith, is the third generation and his wife's name is Emma! So he, with the help of Buddy Youngreen and Uncle Willard R. Smith, were doing their part in fulfilling prophecy.

Buddy Youngreen, a young and energetic church history buff, who is also a talented theatrical producer and playwright in Utah, put the reunion on the drawing boards and planned and organized it with the assistance and approval of President W. Wallace Smith, Willard R. Smith, and Joseph Byron Smith. Buddy's sincere enthusiasm, doctrinal

detachment and genuine love of the Smith family made him an excellent master of ceremonies and liaison to insure the success of the reunion. The program that he wrote and published is a magnificent brief biography of the family with parts of the Patriarchal Blessings of the children of Lucy Mack Smith and Joseph Smith, Sr., with beautiful drawings of each member of the family. The opening quotation of the book was a series of lines from the poetry-drama, "The Prophet" by Clinton F. Larsen, and set the theme of the reunion.

"Sweet Singer Of Israel"

Dr. Mark McKiernan, the first speaker, was a descendant of David Hyrum Smith, who was called "The Sweet Singer of Israel."

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Outstanding 'Son of Utah Pioneers For 1972'

Francis Kirkham, Educator & Author, Dies at 95

Dr. Francis W. Kirkham, 95, renowned Utah educator, author and historian, died Sept. 14 at his home, 436 So. 12th East, Salt Lake City, of causes incident to age.

Dr. Kirkham was acclaimed "Outstanding Member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers for 1972" at the August 25-26 encampment of the society at Provo, but he lived scarcely long enough to enjoy the distinction. He was a member of the Salt Lake City Chapter, SUP.



Dr. Kirkham

He was born Jan. 8, 1877 at Lehi, Utah to James and Martha Mercer Kirkham. Francis was a member of the once-celebrated Kirkham Brothers of church, business and civic renown—Francis W.; Oscar W., James M. and Ebenezer J. Eldest of the famous foursome, he was the last survivor.

Legend in Lehi history is the story of the original Kirkham Brothers—strong and sturdy church and community leaders and noted musicians who formed the popular Kirkham Orchestra which played concerts and for dances throughout the state. They were James, George, Hyrum and Joseph, all singers and instrumentalists.

Three Degrees

Following his attendance in Lehi public schools and BYU Academy, Francis was graduated with an A.B. degree from the University of Michigan in 1906. He received an L.L.B. from the University of Utah in 1913 and a Ph.D. from the University of California in 1930.

Dr. Kirkham's achievements in education were extensive. He was a teacher at Brigham Young University, 1906 to 1910; was principal of the LDS Business College, 1910-1911; Utah State director of vocational education 1917-1918; superintendent of Granite School District 1914-1919; executive director of the National Child Welfare Association of New York 1929-1935.

In the business world he served as manager of the Raymond, Alberta

Mercantile Co. of Alberta, 1900 to 1904; secretary of the Utah State Tax Commission, 1913-1915; director of the National Youth Administration, 1935-1936; and in 1937 he founded the Cooperative Life Insurance Company of America and served as manager-president and was special consultant for the firm at the time of his death.

Three Missions

Dr. Kirkham served three missions to the Maoris in New Zealand 1896, 1899 and 1962. He spoke Maori fluently and authored the "Maori Grammar" which is still used by Mormon missionaries to New Zealand. He also served a full-time MIA Mission to Idaho in 1899-1900.

He served a stake superintendent of the YMMIA in Raymond, Canada, 1902-1904; was a member of the first New York Stake House Council and was a teacher and speaker in many LDS Church wards, seminars and at BYU.

Besides his Maori book, Dr. Kirkham authored the widely-used church work "A New Witness for Christ in America." Volume 1 has been published in six editions and Volume 2 in two editions. He also wrote many articles and pamphlets on Book of Mormon themes, character education and cooperative insurance.

He had an active interest in water and land development and was a

member of several water boards. He was also known for his interest in physical fitness and was a member of the Deseret Gymnasium where he swam 10 lengths of the pool daily until only a year ago.

In addition to his membership in the Sons of Utah Pioneers, Dr. Kirkham was a member of the Mormon Battalion, Utah Historical Society, University of Utah Emeritus Club; Salt Lake Retired Teachers; New Zealand Missionary Society, Utah State Farm Bureau, Utah Academy of Sciences Arts and Letters. During his long life Dr. Kirkham was the recipient of many honors conferred by these organizations.

Dr. Kirkham was married to Martha Alzina Robinson in the Salt Lake Temple, Jan. 2, 1901. She died in October, 1931. He married Marguerite Burnhope Nov. 18, 1942.

Survivors

He is survived by his widow and six children: Eulala K. Tillotson, Hayward, Calif.; Francis R. of San Francisco; Don, Ames, Iowa; Grant, Washington, D.C.; Rose K. Kimball, Flagstaff, Arizona and Mrs. Keyne P. (Geraldine) Monson of Hayward, Calif.

Funeral services were held in the 33rd Ward Chapel of Salt Lake City and burial was in the family plot in the Lehi Cemetery.

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LETTERS TO THE Editor

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Tribute To Willard Richards Smith

Another Life Member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has been taken from our ranks to resume his life of service and inspiration on the other side. The passing of Willard Richards Smith leaves a vast void in the ranks of our SUP Society, especially on the roster of the life members.

Willard was a brother of the late Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith and a son of Pres. Joseph F. Smith. He was withal one of the most amiable and friendly of this famous family and made friends everywhere he went. His last important work with his family was to serve as "peacemaker" at the 1972 Smith Family Reunion in Nauvoo. His address at that memorable gathering, did much to unite the factions of the family.

He was an outstanding leader, director and encourager, on the 1947 Centennial Trek. Nobody worked harder for the comfort and enjoyment of the trekkers.

Willard was a success in line of endeavor he undertook. He was greatly beloved as president of the Salt Lake Temple and with his lovely companion Florence, made many thousands of temple visitors happy and uplifted in spirit.

He had a great big warm heart for his fellowmen. He helped many in financial difficulties, especially orphans and widows. Few beneficiaries of his good deeds ever knew the identity of their benefactor. Like his beloved father President Joseph F. he greeted people warmly, and always kissed those he loved and admired.

The Sons of Utah Pioneers will miss Willard as will his splendid family, particularly. In behalf of my wife Martha (his sister) and myself, we desire to take this media to express our appreciation for Willard's loving kindness to us all, and to the SUP which he loved so much.

—Harold H. and Martha Jenson

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First Christmas in Salt Lake Valley

Pioneers Housed Inside Fort; Weather was Mild - Little Snow

By Harold H. Jenson

The first Christmas in the Great Salt Lake Valley in 1847 was a quiet one and mild. There was very little snow and grass was growing along the creek banks. The pioneer families were housed in adobe huts in the Old Fort where Pioneer Square now adorns the Salt Lake City west side landscape.

History records that on this day—Saturday, Dec. 25, most of these ambitious frontiersmen worked at their respective jobs as assigned by the high brethren, but in the evening everybody responded to the Christmas spirit as they gathered around a huge sagebrush fire, danced, sang and watched some impromptu one-act plays.

Brigham Back East

It is recorded in the Journal of History in the Church Historian's office that President Brigham Young and several of the general authorities were back at Winter Quarters. Robert S. Bliss in the Journal records that while the nights were crisp and frosty, the days at that time were quite pleasant in the valley. "Today, (Dec. 25) we were awakened by the firing of cannon," wrote Elder Bliss. He continued:

"I visited one of my old neighbors who had been driven out of Illinois and partook of a fine Christmas dinner but my joy was dampened by consideration of my family. They were thousands of miles away and there was no chance to go and visit them, even until late spring. Their trials, privations and hardships were unknown to me at the time and I was

helpless to help relieve them; but the same Providence who has preserved me in all my travels will be their support in every situation in which they will be placed."

Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 26, was commemorated more than was Saturday, with meetings given over to the Christmas theme—the story of the birth of the Savior of the World. The Bliss report mentions a meeting of the High Council in which Parley P. Pratt was the speaker. The Journal of History records: "The brethren met at Mr. Riter's place to hear Elder Pratt speak after which Mr. Riter turned the meeting over to his wife, the women folk being present for the occasion, which was not the usual proceedings." The Journal also records that on Sunday Sister Elizabeth, wife of William L. Seeley, gave birth to a daughter at 1 p.m."

The late Pres. Levi Edgar Young, in the Improvement Era, Vol. 23 wrote: "The first Christmas was one of thanksgiving. Food was scarce and most of the families were housed in the Old Fort. While the winter was considered mild, for this part of the country, there was still considerable suffering, especially among the women and children whose only gifts were a few homemade handy articles and pieces of sugarcane. There was however, a sincere Christmas spirit with everyone willing and eager to share what little they did have. Overall was the dominant thought of mutual happiness, the true Spirit of Christmas in the Salt Lake Valley in 1847."

Emery County Couple Note 70th Anniversary

CASTLE DALE, Utah — John Ray Jensen, 89, and his wife Adelia Marie (Dea) Acord Jensen, 88, observed their 70th wedding anniversary on Oct. 9.

Mr. Jensen was the first boy born to pioneer parents on the banks of Cottonwood Creek where Castle Dale is now located. He was born Mar. 29, 1883 to John Young and Sarah Anrea Nielsen Jensen. Mrs. Jensen was born Jan. 2, 1884 at Prattville, Sevier County, to Louis Valentine and Mary Amelia Poder Acord.

John Ray spent practically all of his life in Castle Dale. He has been a harness maker, freight hauler from Price to Castle Dale, owned and operated a small country store and has been a farmer, cattleman and wool grower.

Mrs. Jensen moved to Castle Dale at the age of 12. He loves to paint and has been a firm supporter of the fine arts.

Both have been active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They were married Oct. 9, 1902.

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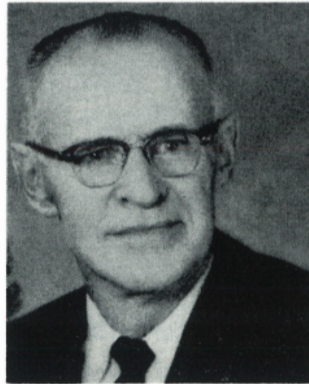
By Harvey R. Allred

MOST OF the pioneer stories we hear and read have to do with the trek from Nauvoo and the establishing of settlements in and around the Salt Lake Valley. These stories are all very dear to all of us, since they play such a major part in Church history. But pioneering did not cease when the Salt Lake Valley was tamed. There were many more areas where blood, sweat, and tears must still be shed to make the West a place of rest for the saints.

The place I wish to portray with all its successes and failures, its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows, is the place known as Star Valley in Wyoming. This is one of the areas where explorers and settlers were sent by Brigham Young. Let me first picture for you this beautiful valley nestled in the Rockies like a precious jewel set in a golden locket.

As you approach the valley on the old Crow Creek road, which was the main entry in the early days, you see the lofty blue mountains of the Salt River range on the east long before you see the valley. They look so far away that you're inclined to wonder if you will ever get there as you poke along in your heavily loaded old Bain wagon. The way has been long and tedious. All the way from Montpelier, Idaho there were no improved roads, no bridges. You had to ford Montpelier Creek at least twenty times to make passage through the canyon. It was no uncommon for a wagon to tip over in the creek, dumping its valuable cargo into the water. On the Crow Creek side of the divide the going was easier, but still the long hard drag was slow.

As you enter the valley you can enjoy beauty beyond description. The rich carpet of green stretches in all directions over the valley floor and up the mountains on all sides, extending all the way to the snow capped peaks. Some of these peaks have snow much of the time, forming a source of water supply for the many crystal streams that flow in such abundance with life giving water to the fields and meadows in the valley below. On a moonlit night you can lie supinely on the cool grass



Harvey R. Allred
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and gaze into the heavens where countless stars seem so close that you feel you can almost touch them. Breathing in that clean fresh mountain air, you have the feeling you have found the fountain of perpetual youth.

Good to Many

This is Star Valley in June of 1890. The frontier that has been conquered by men and women with the faith, courage, and fortitude to fight to the bitter end if necessary and to never give up in the face of trials and hardships. The climate is rather harsh at times but, in spite of all, Star Valley has been good to a lot of people.

The lives of some people seem to run quite parallel. This is especially true with members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was also true with the Tolman, Barrus, and Allred families, even extending back to the days of Nauvoo.

These families were not the first to come to the valley, but they came early enough to have to learn by experience how to cope with and plan for the unexpected, and to be prepared if and when it came.

Emery Barrus brought his new bride, Martha Ann Tolman, to Star Valley in 1889, having been married in the Logan Temple before leaving Utah. Their first summer in the valley was very pleasant. The weather was so mild they even raised watermelons, and almost felt they had found the Garden of Eden. They lived the first summer and winter in a sheep wagon at the mouth of Dry

Creek canyon. The winter was so mild that horses were able to graze on the mountain all winter and it did not get very cold. Wild game was plentiful. One morning Emery stood in the doorway of his wagon and shot a deer on the mountainside, whereupon it slid down almost to him.

Then To Fairview

The next spring they traded for a farm in Fairview, where most of their brothers and sisters and Martha's mother, Margaret Tolman, lived. This little community seemed to have much to offer, since all its inhabitants were church members and were united in purpose. The community members built a log church house which served for many years for church, school, and all social gatherings.

The second summer was also very productive, though not as free of frost. The virgin soil in the valley was very fertile and, even though the growing season was short, conditions brought about a rapid growth of plant life. There was plenty of hay of different varieties all over the valley, much of it wild hay which was free for anyone who would take the time to gather it. But since the previous winter had been so mild, no one suspected that there would be a winter so extreme the other way, and very little hay was gathered. Then came the famous hard winter of 1890. The snow piled up so deep that in some places they had to tunnel to get to their livestock. It would pile up for days, then a thaw would come and settle it down, then more would fall. This continued most of the winter, and it was a known fact that a total of 18 feet fell during this winter. Finally in March it turned warm and started to rain. This kept up continually until the snow was nearly gone. Everyone was so happily looking forward to an early spring, then on the evening of March 20, the rain turned to snow and by morning it had dumped 40 inches on the rain soaked ground. That was the blow that almost sealed their doom.

Out Of Feed

People ran out of feed for stock and were very short of food for their (See STAR VALLEY, next page)

Star Valley Recollections

(from preceding page)

families. Some shoveled trails to the mountains then climbed up and gathered dry grass from under the snow, made it into bundles, and few men trudged over the mountains rolled it down to the cattle below. A on snow shoes to Montpelier and brought back what flour they could carry, then divided it among the needy.

Byron Allred had 200 head of fine beef cattle, all doing so well until the big storm came. Then he ran out of hay. To hear the bellowing of these starving cattle was almost more than any man could bear. One morning John Tolman came along and found Byron out among his dying cattle crying as though his heart would break. He called to John, "Come and take them away, I can't stand to hear them bawling. They're all starving to death. I've got 30 head left and you can have them all if you'll only take them away so I can't hear them bawl." John was very kind hearted and also a good business man, and he thought he could somehow pull them through. He drove away all that were able to walk, but they all died, as he was also out of feed and no more to be had.

Margaret Tolman had lost all her cattle except one little cow they called Old Rose. She was due to freshen, and the family was keeping her alive by feeding her anything they could find. They took the straw from the bed ticks and from under the carpet, sprinkled it with a little salt water to settle the dust, and Old Rose would eat every straw. Margaret would boil up a big pot of deer stew and the cow just seemed to love it. One morning Frank came in aid said, "Old Rose has had her calf, but we will have to kill it because we just can't possibly feed it." The cow was so weak she could hardly stand, but with more deer stew and a little more straw they managed to pull her through.

Though all these hardships were a severe test of faith and courage of all who endured them, it seemed that, as with other episodes, behind every cloud there is a silver lining. All this was like a training, and seemed to make them more united.



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—Art courtesy Utah Historical Society

MORMON TRAIL STUDY

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has completed its long-awaited study on the proposed Mormon Battalion Trail, battalion officers have been advised. Unfortunately, the bureau has decided to postpone the in-depth research on the Mormon Trail until the completion of a pilot study of the Oregon Trail "to determine how we can best establish, protect, interpret and promote public enjoyment of these historic routes," the report stated.

Meanwhile the bureau recommends that "The Utah Historical Society, The Mormon Battalion and other interested groups carry out additional research to further pinpoint the battalion route. Wherever the battalion's route transverse federal, state or local government lands, the

jurisdictional agency should take steps to (1) retain these lands in public ownership, (2) protect any on-the-ground evidence of wagon road and (3) cooperate with the Mormon Battalion in installing identifying trail markers."

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Chapter Eternal

Willard Richards Smith

Willard Richards Smith, 87, life member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers and prominent church and civic worker, died Sept. 11 at his home, 700 Sixteenth Ave., Salt Lake City of natural causes. He had been active in the Salt Lake City Chapter SUP for many years and was one of its most revered and beloved members.

Mr. Smith served as president of the Salt Lake Temple from 1961 to 1964. He served 14 years as an Ensign Stake high counselor and for a considerable time was stake patriarch. He was also counselor in the Ensign Ward bishopric from 1913 to 1926. He also served a 32-month mission to Norway.

Vice president of Zions Savings & Trust Co., he retired in 1956 but stayed on as a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Smith began his service with the bank as a stenographer in 1900 and advanced to assistant cashier and director, then to cashier and on to cashier and vice president. He was also president of the board of directors of the Heber J. Grant & Co.

A devotee of boys and boys activities Mr. Smith was president of the Salt Lake Council Boy Scouts of America and held the Silver Beaver Award.

In community services, Mr. Smith received the Red Feather citation in 1953 for services rendered to the Salt Lake City Community Chest as a member of the executive committee and treasurer during 1950 to 1952.

A native of Salt Lake City, Willard Richards Smith was born Nov. 20, 1884, a son of Joseph F. and Sarah Richards Smith. He married Florence Grant in the Salt Lake Temple Feb. 3, 1910.

Survivors include his widow; five sons and two daughters, Willard G., Richards G., Briant G., Howard G., Paul G., Mrs. Florence Jacobsen, all Salt Lake City; Mrs. Sarah Tanner, Los Angeles, Calif.; 27 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren.

Also seven sisters and three brothers survive, Mrs. Emily S. Walker, Mrs. Rachel S. Taylor, Mrs. Edith S. Patrick, Mrs. Marjorie S. Brown, Mrs. Asenath S. Conklin, Mrs. Martha S. Jenson, Mrs. Marjorie C. Brown, Fielding K. Smith, Silas S. Smith, Samuel S. Smith, all of Salt Lake City.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Sept. 13 in the Ensign Fifth Ward chapel and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

Archie L. Christiansen

Archie L. Christiansen, 83, member of the Ogden Chapter SUP, and former educator, and civic and church worker, died Aug. 24 at his home in Ogden of a stroke.

Mr. Christiansen was former faculty member of Tooele High School and was county agricultural agent for both Tooele and Weber Counties.

He was born Oct. 8, 1888 at Fountain Green, Utah to Christian John

and Ellen Jane Oldroyd Christiansen. He married Moselle Rose, Sept. 1, 1914 in the Logan LDS Temple; she died in 1944. He married Lillian Jeppsen, June 1, 1945 in the Salt Lake Temple.

His survivors: widow, daughters, Mrs. R. C. (Ruth) Smith, Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Marvin (Wanda) Akin, San Francisco; Mrs. Don (Marjorie) Jones, San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Glen (Jane) Ooscorson, Stansbury Park; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brothers, sister, Joseph, John, both Fountain Green; Mrs. Kate Williams, Cedar City.

Funeral services were held Aug. 26 at the Linquist & Sons Mortuary, Ogden and burial was in the Cedar City Cemetery.

Lawrence D. Wilde

Lawrence Dare Wilde, 78, member of the Box Elder Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, died Sept. 4 in an Ogden hospital of natural causes.

Wilde was one of the actors in the Golden Spike Reenactment ceremony since its inception. For the past three years he was coordinator of the Golden Spike program.

He was reared in Croydon, and filled a mission for the LDS Church in the southern states from 1916 to 1919.

He was a graduate of the Weber Academy in Ogden, and in 1924 graduated from the University of Utah.

He taught school in Mt. Pleasant, and came to Brigham City to teach in the Box Elder School district in 1926 and later retired in 1959.

He was a high priest in the Brigham First LDS ward. He had served as Box Elder Stake Sunday School superintendent for many years and was active as a scout on the Bonneville Boy Scout council. He received the Silver Beaver award in 1954.

He was born March 6, 1894 in Croydon, Morgan County, to Edwin Albert and Hannah Elizabeth Toone Wilde.

He married Keren Skidmore, Oct. 8, 1922 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Survivors include sons and daughters: Jerry D. Wilde, Mrs. DeVon L. (Virginia) Breitenbeker, both Harper Ward; Mrs. Phyllis House, Ogden; Richard A. Wilde, Salt Lake; and Lawrence D. Wilde Jr., of Palmer, Alaska; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Marcus Reed Wilde, Croydon and Mrs. Althea Branch of Ogden.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8 in the Brigham City First Ward and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

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Chapter Eternal

Morris Wayne Glover

Morris Wayne Glover, 64, member of the Box Elder Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, and prominent banker, died at the University of Utah Medical Center Sept. 6 of cancer. He was a member of the Brigham City Eighth Ward, a high priest and served for 10 years as ward clerk. He was also president of the Box Elder North Stake YMMIA.

He was an employe of First Security Bank for 45 years.

He was vice president and manager of First Security Bank in Brigham City in 1964.

Glover began his banking career in 1927 and in 1943 was elected an assistant cashier of the First Security Bank.

He was subsequently promoted to assistant manager in 1949, assistant vice president in 1958, and vice president in 1960.

A native of Brigham City, he graduated from Box Elder High school and later attended Utah State University.

He also graduated from the Pacific Coast Banking school, University of Washington, Seattle.

He worked actively in community affairs and served eight years on the Brigham City council.

He was a member of the Brigham Rotary club, American Legion Post 10, Brigham City Golf Club, Chamber

of Commerce, and American Rocket Club.

He was a former member of Brigham City Lions Club, and also a member of USU Aggie Quarterback Club in Brigham City. He also served on the Brigham City Industrial Development committee.

Glover was a former member of the Brigham City Planning Commission.

He served two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He was born Aug. 23, 1907, in Brigham City, the son of William Henry and Henrietta Marion "Nettie" Rosenbaum Glover.

Glover married Phyllis Call June 1, 1928 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple.

Survivors include his widow of Brigham City; sons and daughters, Dr. Morris Benjamin (Ben) Glover, Albuquerque, N.M.; Wayne Henry Glover, Bellingham, Wash.; David Scott Glover, Brigham City; Mrs. Wayne (Renee) Zundel, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Robert (Marcia) Baird, Olympia, Wash., 11 grandchildren; brothers and sisters, Lamont Glover, Clyde Glover, both of Brigham City; Mrs. Erland (Afton) Victor, Ogden; and Mr. and Mrs. Clark (Grace) White, Perry.

Funeral services were held Sept. 9 in the Brigham City Eighth Ward Chapel and burial was in the Brigham City Cemetery.

Stephen G. Rawlings

Stephen G. Rawlings, 62, of West Jordan, Utah, former president, vice-president, and secretary of the Temple Quarry Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, was killed in an automobile accident Aug. 8 in West Jordan. The car he was driving collided with a truck and Mr. Rawlings was thrown from his vehicle as his car spun around and smashed into a telephone pole. The other driver was unhurt.

Mr. Rawlings was an airbrake repairman for Kennecott Copper Co. for 47 years. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Stephen George Rawlings was born August 31, 1909 in American Fork, to George H. and Laura Baker Rawlings. He married Evelyn Sparks, June 8, 1933, in the Salt Lake Temple.

Survivors are: widow, son, daughters, Stephen William, Mrs. M. D. (Sharon), both West Jordan; Mrs. Eugene (Joyce) Drake, South Jordan; 10 grandchildren; brothers, sister, Wilford, Midvale; Lawrence, Pleasant Grove; Mrs. Edgar (Donna) Rough, Anaheim, Calif.

Funeral services were held in the West Jordan LDS Stake Center Aug. 11 and burial was in the Memorial Gardens of the Valley.

Trekker Reunion

Travelers Of 1947 Elect Officers At Annual Confab

The reliving of choice experiences, renewal of fond acquaintances and revival of the good old pioneer spirit marked the 25th annual reunion of the 1947 Nauvoo-to-Salt Lake City trekkers held at Pioneer Village, October 5. Sixty members of the trekkers who made the reenactment jaunt were in attendance, exactly the number of the "modern pioneers" who have passed from this life.

Under the direction of William H. Holbrook, president and master of ceremonies and H. P. Beesley, chairman of the nominations committee the following officers were installed for the 1972-73 season:

Commanding Officer: Lanell N. Lunt; Captain of 100's, Richard Ked-dington; Captain of 50's, Nora Richardson; Captain of 10's, Lorin Richards; Captain of the guard, Lionel Maw.

Ralph G. Smith, evidently the permanent secretary and treasurer, was retained and received high commendation for his long and faithful services.

Brief talks were given by Wendell Ashton, director of the 1947 trek; George C. Lloyd, general secretary of the Sons of Utah Pioneers; Ray Alston, C. Claire Likes and Secretary Smith. The prayers were spoken by Mr. Likes and Heber Jacobs.

Music was by the Dale and Bonnie Malmrose family of Taylorsville, parents and seven children, four girls and three boys, all of whom are excellent singers and instrumentalists. This ensemble, sponsored by Horace A. Sorensen, was recent winner on Eugene Jelenik Talent Showcase. —L.G.



REMEMBER THE OLD LYRIC?

By Martha Smith and Harold H. Jenson

SHAKESPEARE SAID: "All the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players."

Many of us old-timers remember the old Lyric Theater, brought back into the preciousness of memory with a fantastic remodeling and modernization project, which has made it the perfect "little theater," for the presentation of plays, dramas and musicals. In converting this historic edifice into a beautiful playhouse, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has made another of its many contributions to the arts in this, the "Promised Valley" of the Saints.

To us who "tread the boards" as we used to say at the old Lyric, come back many delightful memories as we see the new playhouse and compare it to the old place. It is interesting to contrast the gorgeous "royalty red" foyer and its extravagant spaciousness to the dark and narrow little entrance of the old Lyric. Likewise, those memorable 10-cent gallery seats, all too small and uncomfortable, to the modernistic and lavish seating in the new theater. The stage too,—so much wider and bigger!

Memory turns back to Ralph Cloninger, Salt Lake's matinee idol of those days and his stock company that made history at the Lyric. When Ralph returned from World War I, Manager George Pyper let him use the old Salt Lake Theater for his shows until he could get enough money together to start his stock company at the Lyric. This writer was his press and advertising agent.

The Cloninger Co. played also at the old Grand, where Hardy Downing put on his famous Monday night fights and where Jack Dempsey got his start in the fight game.

Many are the world-famous stars of stage and concert who performed at the Lyric including Sarah Bernhart, who must have felt a little crowded there after playing the Salt Lake Theater. We did the public relations job for Manager Charles Clongston and the Gladys George Stock Company in which our Lady Martha played various parts in the week-by-week dramas.



The Grand Old Lyric Theater

Ben Erway, husband of Miss George was a popular actor on the Lyric stage and there were many others—Donna Jones, Ethel Baker, Ferdinand Munier and others. Victor Jory first came into prominence for his fine work on the Lyric stage and he went on to motion picture stardom. Victor always loved Utah and even now claims it as his home state, which it isn't.

Sweet memories and all kind thoughts to those valiant souls of the old Lyric—and a nod of approval and a smile of gratitude to the new "Promised Valley Playhouse," once the memorable Lyric of Salt Lake. And how satisfying too, that this cultural and artistic development is something this historian had proposed and recommended for more than half a century.

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Escalante Expedition

"Pageant In The Wilderness," Herbert E. Bolton; publisher, Utah Historical Society; paper cover \$3.45; most book stores and the Historical Society; 1500 copies.

The late historian Herbert E. Bolton and the Utah Historical Society deserve more than a cursory nod of approval for producing an enlarged and revised history of the Dominguez-Escalante Expedition of 1776. Historian Bolton spent 22 years on the research and writing and his work which reflects this devotion and thoroughness. This volume must go down on the records as one of the most interesting and complete works of its kind in any library.

This reviewer must admit to some degree of prejudice in favor of this type of writing. He once served as secretary to his father, the late Andrew Jensen, for many years assistant Church historian, during which time he did considerable research about Escalante and his amazing discoveries, particularly finding a bearded tribe of Indians, a "Believe It Or Not" for history students in those days. Major Powell also wrote a lot about a bearded tribe he found in his explorations in what is now southern Utah and Arizona.

This new book prompts the reader to wonder why Escalante, once so near the Great Salt Lake (He discovered Timpanogas Lake, now Utah Lake, sometime in 1776) never bothered to explore this, the greater inland water. The book says Indians told him about it.

"Escalante's Diary" provides the core to Dr. Bolton's "Pageant In The Wilderness." The diary is presented without textual changes generally or corrections, and alternate photographs have been submitted in a few instances. There are some impressive color maps tucked in as folders. Dr. A. R. Mortensen, for many years active in SUP, assisted with the editorial work.

Escalante made western history and to the early Catholics of the area, like the Mormons in their travels and explorations, deserve a full measure of credit for a work exceedingly well done. —H.H.J.

Oldest American 130 Years Old; Runs Candy Shop

Believe it or not—the oldest American is 130 years old!

His name is Charles Smith and he lives in Bartow, Fla. He was born in Liberia, Africa on July 4, 1842.

This remarkable longevity item was divulged by Edward Neilan for Copley News Service, who did a feature article on Smith.

Smith's birthday, according to Neilan's research, was documented in 1854 when at the age of 12 he was sold at a New Orleans slave auction to a Texas slave rancher.

He was 21 when the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by President Abraham Lincoln and 113 when he retired from his work in a Florida citrus grove. His employer felt that Charlie was getting a little old to be climbing trees.

Smith's age was again verified when he applied for Social Security benefits.

Now at age 130 he runs a small candy shop in Bartow, a rural village midway between Tampa and Lake Wales, Fal.

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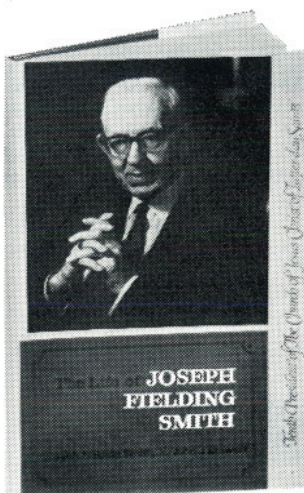
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Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jenson
SUP Historian

Another of Utah's oldest citizens, Mrs. Elizabeth Regh, marked her 101st birthday, July 21 at a dinner given by a granddaughter, Mrs. Lenneth O. Tolpingrud. The centenarian was born in Germany and came to Utah in 1907 as a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She now resides with a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Jensen, 337 Edith Ave. in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Regh has four living children, 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Regh recalled, at her birthday dinner, that she had never been a patient in any hospital.

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Trust East Mill Creek Chapter to come through with the spectacular and the sensational at these SUP encampments. In their glowing golden jackets and scarlet ties the 45 men from EMC, as they did last year, put over the message of chapter unity in high style. They probably had the most fun too, for they staged a hotel party both Friday and Saturday nights after the convention programs were put away.

The Logan Temple Fork Chapter, voted outstanding chapter, were nattily attired also in bright yellow shirts. Salt Lake's Pioneer Chapter displayed silver tie clasps with the chapter emblem standing out attractively.

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Probably the best record of the Sons of Utah Pioneers is the files of The Pioneer, formerly the SUP News. It started as a four-page brochure by this historian for the Aspen Grove Encampment. The late Judge George A. Goates, brother of our present editor, took the material in the brochure and used it as the basis of the first edition of what became a monthly magazine.

Articles by chapter officers made up the correspondence. Most of them were very interesting. Each writer had a style all his own. Some of these contributors were: Bud Reeder, Ward McCarthy, Virgil Peterson and T. Mack Woolley.

The SUP Story Contests started in the Ogden Standard by this historian when he was national president in 1945. Principal promoters and sponsors for SUP Stories include P. LeRoy Nelson, Dr. Walter A. Kerr and James Miller. Presently Everett Call has charge of this work and is getting some excellent pieces through to the judges and into the Pioneer Magazine.

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S.L. Pioneer Chapter Member Named To Two High Positions

B. Z. Kastler, member of the Pioneer Chapter of SUP has been named to two high positions in business and community services:

On August 15 he was made president and chief administrative officer of Mountain Fuel Supply Co. in Salt Lake City. "Bud" has had a number of years with this organization as director and executive.

On October 4, he was named chairman of the National Advisory Board of the Utah Symphony Orchestra, a most important position, especially with respect to the programs of the Ford Matching Fund Committee, which is raising \$1 million.

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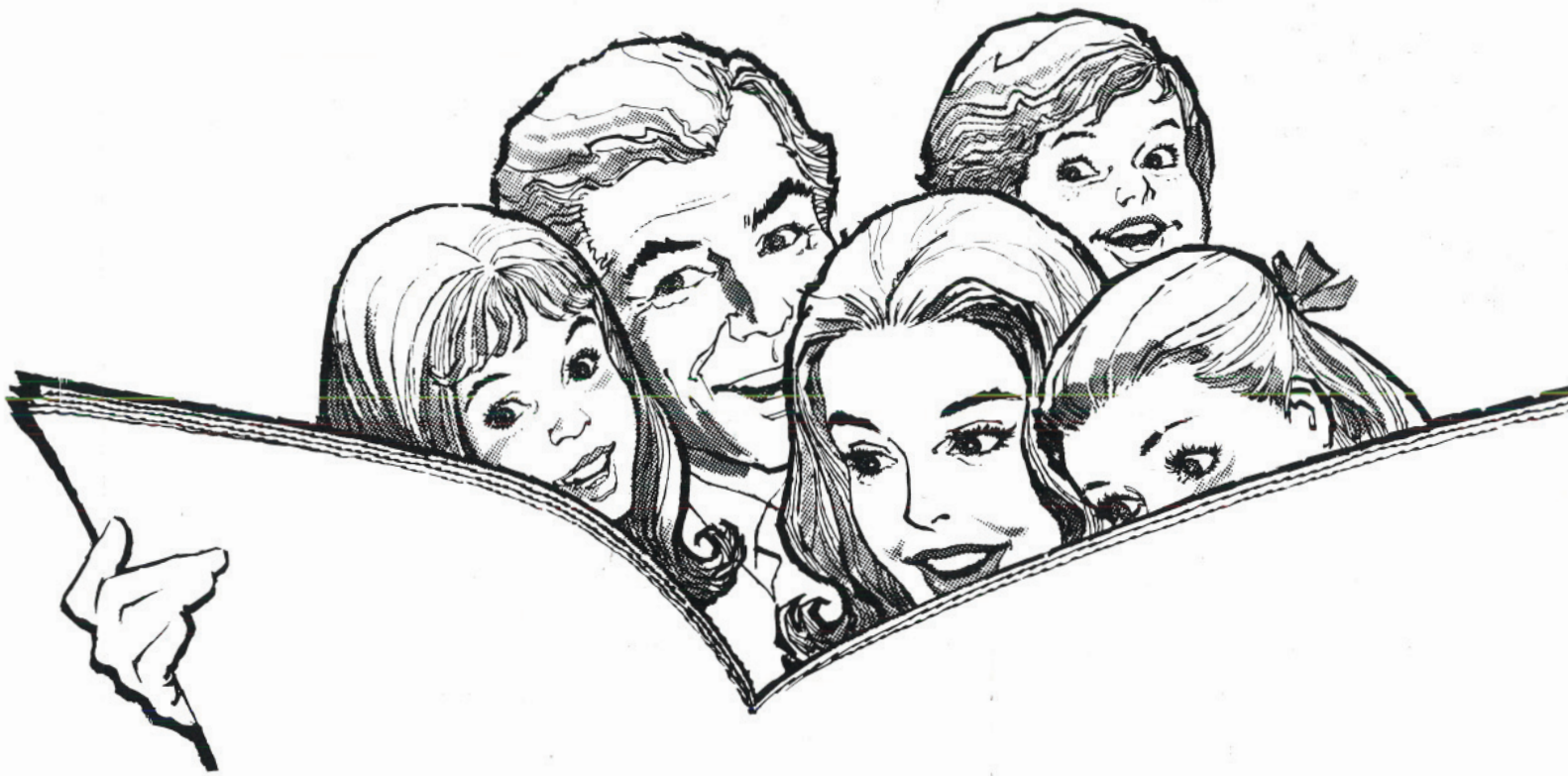
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